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Title: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR A  
UTILITY PROCESSING SYSTEM**

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2001, please consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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- 1 1. (amended). A method for automatically managing energy cost using metering data and
  - 2 pricing data comprising the steps of:
  - 3 receiving metering data from [an electric] a utility meter, wherein the
  - 4 metering data is electronically transmitted from [said electric] the utility meter;
  - 5 receiving pricing data electronically over a network, wherein the pricing data
  - 6 is associated with a plurality of sources of power;
  - 7 forecasting a forecast load based on the received metering data from the
  - 8 [electric] utility meter; and

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